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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Throughout history, You have been ever-present to all believers. In times of darkness, we readily turn on lights. Millions of Americans in this season have variously turned to the celebration of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, and the Advent and Christmas season with its trees and lights.

Even so, in our political world, there remains the reality of considerable disagreement and contention. Where there is darkness here, send forth a spark of inspiration and grace to enlighten minds and warm hearts to respond to Your love for Your people.

Eternal Father of us all, fill Your children with the delight that comes from light. May we walk no longer in the darkness of distrust but join together in mutual understanding and peace toward the common well-being of our Nation.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Ms. SHERRILL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SHERRILL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PASS ANOTHER ROUND OF HELP

(Ms. SHERRILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, it has been more than 250 days since we passed the CARES Act, and it is past time that we pass a second round.

When this pandemic hit, despite being in one of the most partisan times in our Nation's history, we came together in Congress to pass badly needed help for the American people: PPP loans for small businesses; State and local funding to help with contact tracing, testing, and grants to those in need.

We passed an eviction moratorium so people could stay in their homes and nutrition aid for the millions of families who suddenly are experiencing food insecurity.

Now that we have good news about vaccines, now that we have hope for the future, we have to pass another round of help so businesses can make it through the winter, children can have access to food, families can stay in their homes, and kids can get back to school.

There is a bipartisan deal that the Senate and House Members are on board with, a deal that would provide relief to millions.

Let's once again show the American people that we are there for them when it counts.

HONORING THE CAREER OF LISA PITTMAN

(Mr. BISHOP of Utah asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I called Lisa Pittman, who

is the counsel for our committee, to make sure we had somebody covering us for floor time.

She chastised me then, saying that under my condition, I need to ask about calling a doctor first, not calling a lawyer.

No, Lisa, we call you not just for legal advice but for all sorts of things. For 38 years, she has been a true public servant, with 33 consecutive years here in the House where she has served with poise under pressure and always brings an air of stability.

We ask opinions of a lot of people, but we always double-check by going to Lisa because she understands it all.

She served under 17 Republican leaders in Natural Resources. I still think I am her favorite one—trust me. But even yesterday, she still told my chief of staff that she gets choked up when she looks at the Capitol dome or hears the Pledge of Allegiance. It is still magical to her.

As our committee mom, when she brings cupcakes to everyone on their birthdays and special occasions, her kindness is magic to the rest of us.

So, when I leave at the end of the month, no one is really going to care. When Lisa leaves at the end of the month, it is going to take decades to replace the institutional knowledge that she brings to this place.

Lisa, we thank you. And, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate your indulgence.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SENATOR PAUL SARBANES

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I join Members of the Maryland delegation in praising a great man, Paul Sarbanes.

The people of Maryland and all Americans have lost a leader and a public servant of dignity and principle, Senator Paul Sarbanes.

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His 40 years of tireless service as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, the House of Representatives, and the U.S. Senate strengthened our Nation and made a difference in the lives of countless Americans.

In Congress, Paul Sarbanes was respected by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle for his humility, tenacity, and brilliant intellect.

It was a source of great pride for me that his congressional career began in the same House seat which was held by my father years before.

All Marylanders can take pride in Paul Sarbanes' leadership as a defender of our American democracy on the Judiciary Committee and his tireless work to bring integrity, transparency, and oversight to Washington as chair of the Banking Committee.

May it be a comfort to Senator Sarbanes' children, Michael, Janet, and our colleague, Congressman JOHN SARBANES, and the entire Sarbanes family that Senator Sarbanes, Paul, is with his beautiful wife, Christine. They are together in Heaven.

May it be of comfort that so many mourn their loss and are praying for them at this sad time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES "CHUCKIE" DABELLA, JR.

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Charles DaBella, Jr., known to his family and friends as Chuckie.

Chuckie was a resident of Hastings, Cambria County, Pennsylvania. He passed away at the age of 52 this summer on June 29 after a devastating motorcycle accident.

Chuckie's sister, Charlene, said: "Chuck was an amazing soldier, brother, father, and son."

His military legacy is one that he and his family can certainly and forever be proud of. Chuckie was a retired Army infantryman with 13 years of service. He was with the 3rd Special Forces Group, a Green Beret, senior parachutist, and Army range qualified, earning the bronze German Armed Forces Badge of Marksmanship.

Chuckie was also the recipient of four Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star.

The pain that comes from the loss of a loved one never truly fades, but I want the DaBella family to know that they are in my thoughts, and my prayers are with them during this incredibly difficult time. We are proud of the service and legacy that Chuckie has left.

May God watch over Chuck, who left us far too soon.

MAKE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BUILDING A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

(Mr. HALL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak a truth, and that truth is quite simple. I stand on the shoulders of giants.

I hail from Atlanta, which is the home of the King Center, a place dedicated to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one of America's greatest citizens. We honor him with a Federal holiday and memorial on our National Mall, just outside of this Chamber.

I am also the heir to the seat held by the late, great John Lewis. Congressman Lewis was by Dr. King's side, and Congressman Lewis dedicated his life to peaceful nonviolence.

Congressman Lewis was a beacon in this Chamber for the dozens of years that he served. It is one of the greatest honors of my life to be able to complete the term for which he was last elected and take the baton and bring his service across the finish line.

But I would be remiss if I did not use this opportunity to make sure their lessons are known for generations to come.

That is why it is critical that we make sure we preserve the buildings in metro Atlanta that give life to their work. We must establish the former headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, where Dr. King did his work alongside Congressman Lewis, as a National Historic Site.

If we do this, we can do our small part to ensure that those who follow in our footsteps do so mindful of the example of these giants of the civil rights movement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JIMMY ORR

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Mr. Jimmy Orr of Brunswick, Georgia, who recently passed away after a long and impactful life.

Jimmy was a gifted athlete who excelled in basketball, baseball, and football in high school and went on to attend Clemson University on a basketball scholarship.

He later transferred to the University of Georgia to become one of the Wally Boys, which was a term used for those who played under football Head Coach Wally Butts.

During his junior year at the University of Georgia, Jimmy was initially drafted by the Los Angeles Rams and was later traded to the Pittsburgh Steelers after graduation.

His exceptional performance made him an easy choice for United Press International and Associated Press Rookie of the Year in 1958.

After Jimmy's outstanding 13-year career with the NFL, he eventually led several successful business ventures before retiring to the Georgia coast, where he held a successful golfing record.

He was not only an amazing athlete; he was a loving father and husband, a wonderful friend, and a generous philanthropist who impacted the lives of countless individuals.

I am thankful for Jimmy's many years of representing Brunswick well, and I know his legacy will continue for many years to come.

EDUCATE PEOPLE ON BENEFITS OF VITAMIN D

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have spoken on vitamin D a bit in the past, and I know we are on the verge of passing another coronavirus bill.

I would ask people negotiating that bill to do something to make sure that the public is aware of the benefits of vitamin D.

Yesterday, I talked to a Dr. David Meltzer at the University of Chicago, a very brilliant man, and I hope some of the negotiators talk to him before a final deal is cut.

While he cannot nail down a specific amount of people who will not have to suffer the severe consequences of vitamin D deficiency, or even die at the hands of vitamin D, it is probably somewhere between 40 and 70 percent. Right now, about half of Americans have a vitamin D deficiency. That is going to get worse as we head into the winter months and people are not outside getting vitamin D.

So, I strongly request the negotiators to do something to make sure that we stand up to the public health establishment and educate people on the importance of vitamin D and see what we can do about getting products to the market which accelerate getting vitamin D into your bloodstream, because even if you start taking vitamin D tomorrow, you don't get the level that you should have for quite a while.

I am encouraging the negotiators to talk to Dr. David Meltzer, who will also fill you in on studies from Ireland, Spain, MIT, Harvard, and Northwestern.

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RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL AMANDA NAYLOR

(Mr. WALTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALTZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize someone very special on my team, a real-life superwoman, a